



## Heidi Boettcher

September 24, 1941 - October 7, 2016

Heidemarie Christa (nee Schulz-Netzer) Boettcher, 75, of Altenburg, Missouri, died Friday, October 7, 2016, at her home surrounded by family.

She was born September 24, 1941, in Lutherstadt Wittenberg, East Germany, to Karl and Lucy Degenhardt Schulz-Netzer. She and Albert Boettcher, Jr. were married May 18, 1963. He survives in Frohna, MO.

Heidi spent her childhood and school-aged years attending an agricultural school and then the sports school in Leipzig, where she trained alongside East German Olympians. At the age of 18, she defected from Russian-occupied East Germany, spent a year in West Germany, then came to America under the sponsorship of relatives of the Degenhardt family from Wittenberg, MO. After Junior and Heidi married, they raised eleven children on their picturesque farm just outside of Altenburg. "After all these wonderful years, she made me a richer man and blessed me with these eleven children," Junior reflected shortly after she passed.

Heidi was an active member at Concordia Lutheran Church in Frohna, MO. She loved children and after raising her own, Heidi opened a daycare and became caretaker to many of the local children who still remember her fondly. She was an avid vegetable and flower gardener and found delight in creating and maintaining the landscaping around her home. Her family enjoyed her many jellies, jams, canned vegetables, and variety of baked goods. She was also an accomplished knitter and made hundreds of original sweaters, vests, cardigans, scarves, hats and blankets for her children, grandchildren and the

children she cared for.

She is survived by her husband Albert "Junior" Boettcher; brother Hans (Karin) Schulz-Netzer of Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Germany; daughter Barbara (Gary) Bierman of Chester, IL; son Timothy (Kari) Boettcher of Altenburg; Deborah (Gary) Brees of Jacob, IL; Jo Boettcher (spinster) of Cape Girardeau; Andrew Boettcher of Altenburg; Elizabeth (Brad) Moore of Huntersville, NC; Maria Bartoe of Altenburg; Rebecca Boettcher of Alaska; Ruth (Derek) Kennedy of McCall, ID; Sara (Philip) Wallace of Wappapello, MO; and Stephanie Boettcher of Altenburg, MO; 27 grandchildren, Clifton, Rachel, Jamie, Josh and Jenna Bierman, Jennifer and Recena Boettcher, Alecia and Levi Darnstaedt, Eddie and Michael Brees, Travis Boettcher, Cole and Eli Moore, Krystal, Anthony, ChyAnne and Lucous Bartoe, Iris Jones, Alex, Dominic and Julianne Kennedy, Daniel, Naomi and David Wallace, Marcus Boettcher and Elizabeth Roth-Boettcher; 3 great grandchildren, Bailey Morrison, Cadence Hawl and Nolan Boettcher. She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Matthew Bierman.

Visitation will be from 4-8 PM Sunday October 9, 2016, at Concordia Lutheran Church in Frohna, MO and from 6:30 AM until service time. The funeral service will be at 10 AM Monday at the church and will be officiated by Rev. Rod Benkendorf.

Memorials are preferred to Concordia Lutheran Church in Frohna, MO.

# Tribute Wall



“ Heidi Boettcher

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ Heidi Boettcher

October 20, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ Heidi was a supermom; most of her 11 children were born at home, not in a hospital. I could bask all day in Aunt Heidi's wonderful German accent. She was warm and caring, always working and not afraid to speak her mind. We shall miss you, Heidi!

Nathan Stoffregen - October 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ What an awesome wife and mother! As one of her former high school classmates at PHS, her life should be an example to us all. So sorry for your loss.

Anita Seabaugh Lichtenegger - October 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb, So sorry for your loss. From reading the obituary, I know your Mom was a very special person. Hugs. Ann McGuire

Ann McGuire - October 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To Albert, Jr and all the children, my heartfelt sympathies to you all.  
May God's mercy sustain you at the hour of your irreplaceable loss*

Leon Holt - October 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Jo...our biggest loss in life is when our moms are no longer with  
us...you have those wonderful memories she left you to help endure  
the sadness.*

Jo Rodgers - October 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

October 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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*Tina Boettcher,*

*PERRYVILLE, Missouri*

Tina Boettcher - October 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Mom...I am going to miss you so much, all your advise and phone calls and how you accepted me into the family like a daughter and loved me unconditionally as your daughter in law. I think of my Mom and how maybe you might see her there in the presence of the Lord. That you might give her a hug from me. I will miss your hugs and forever keep your Happy Birthday's you sang for me on my voice mail never missing a one. I loved you and I am sorry I failed you but God is an awesome God and someday I hope to hear you sing again. Rest in peace in the Fathers arms until we meet again... Love Forever, Tina Boettcher

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**Tina Boettcher** - October 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM